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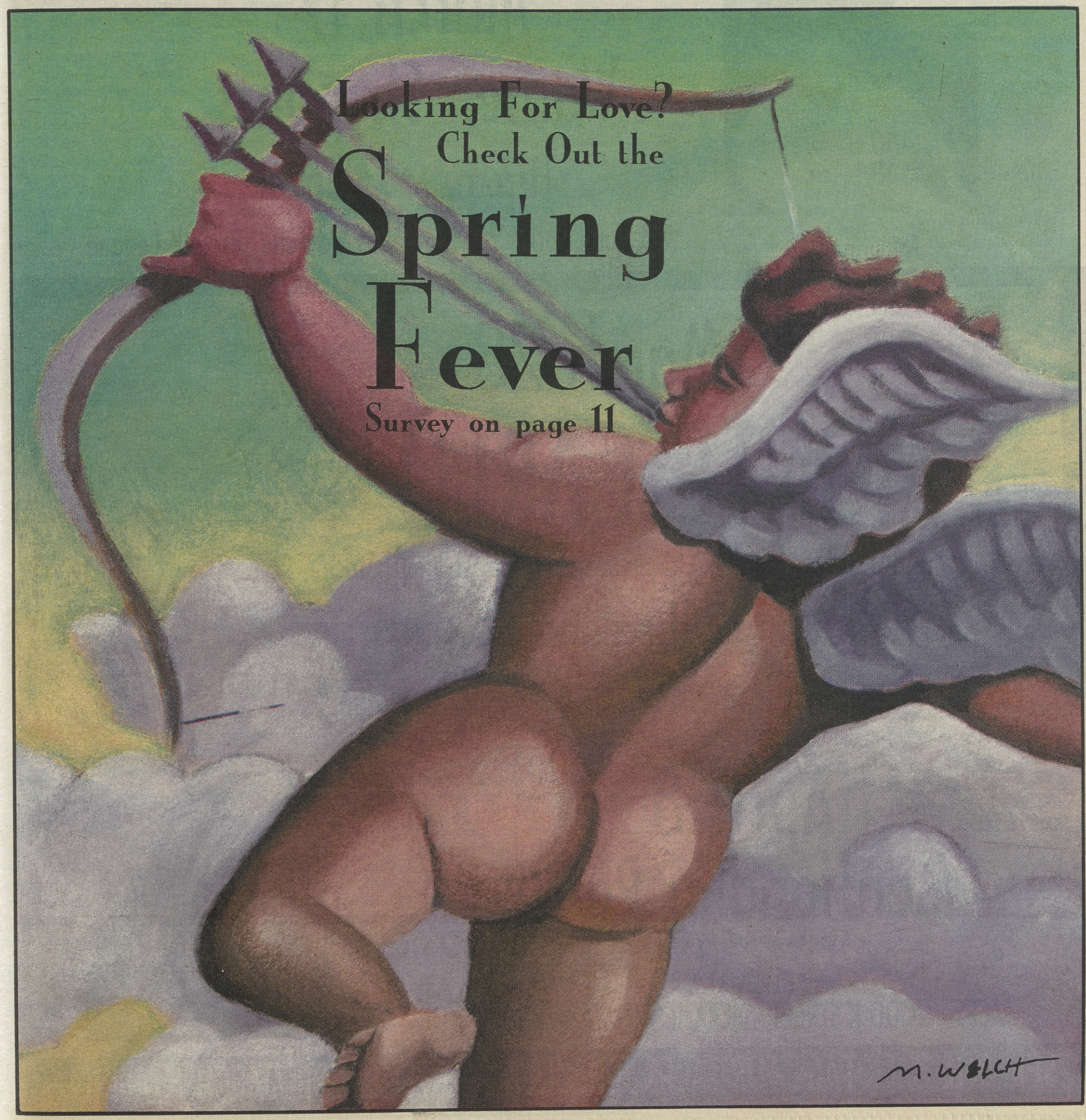

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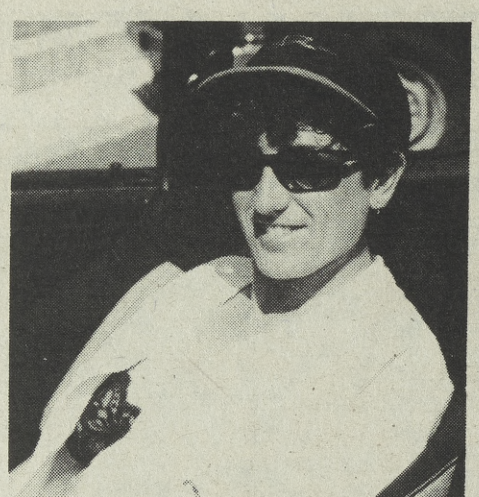

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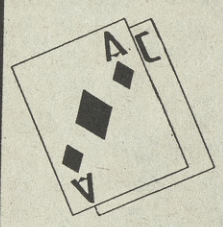

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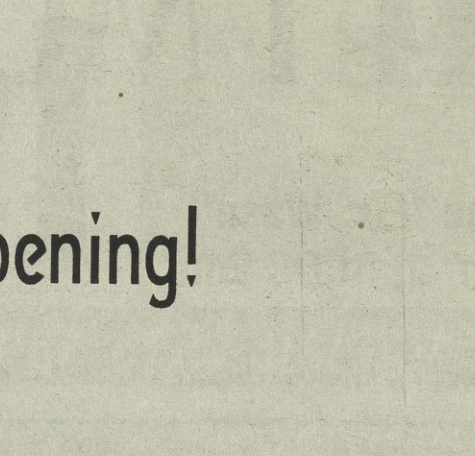

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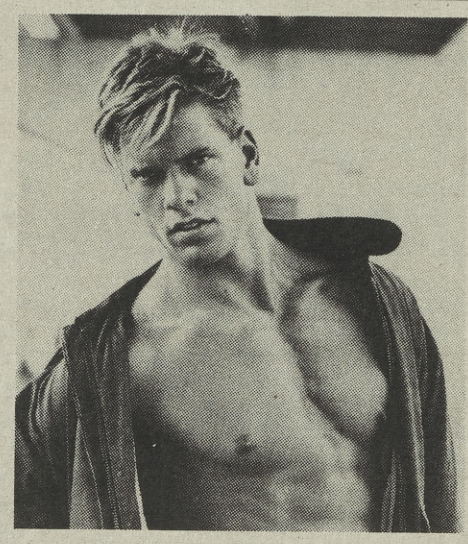

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really !! I MUST SAY!

The "Fix" Wasn't "In" at RCDC Vote

Editor,

Who is Dominic Barajas and why is he attacking RCDC, Deborah Ortiz, and me? In a recent letter to the editor he wrote of his disappointment of RCDC's endorsement of Deborah for the 5th District City Council election. I quote, "What a slap in the face to one of our community's biggest supporters, former-Mayor Anne Rudin..." That is an interesting interpretation of reality, but not one with much merit.

Mr. Barajas claims to have "heard that in her capacity as a member of the Democratic Central Committee, Ortiz has made some promises to RCDC and specifically its co-chair who is serving as a member of her campaign staff. Sounds like a political deal-exchanging favors for endorsements and "business as usual."

First the facts: Deborah Ortiz is not a member of the Democratic Central Committee and I am not a member of her staff. I am an unpaid volunteer on her steering committee which is a source of pride for our community. It is a reflection of our power that both a lesbian and I, a gay male, were asked to serve. Deborah respects our ideas and input. That is why so many gays/lesbians have been the backbone of her volunteer corps.

Now the ridiculous, very irritating, and separatist innuendo: Mr. Barajas, get a grip! What could Deborah have offered RCDC to persuade 2/3 of those who voted, to endorse her? What deal could she have made with me? If you have some specific allegations, please state them. It is damaging to our community to have such unverified and unsupported crap written about a very qualified candidate, a major Democratic Club, and a co-chair who is an easy target. The reality is that Deborah and the other four candidates participated in our forum and Deborah won the required 2/3 vote as mandated by our bylaws.

There was no "fix," so, please, don't spread lies that harm our community. It was clear, as evidenced by the vote, that Deborah is the best candidate. She is best for the gay/lesbian community and the community at large.

Our club and our meetings are open to anyone and I encourage Mr. Barajas to attend and to learn about a truly democratic club. Then, he would not be in the offensive position of spreading innuendo and couched allegations.

Sincerely,
Michael Boyd, Chair RCDC

Just as Good as Everyone Else

Editor,

In the past few weeks, I have seen many opinions and heard many discussions about gays in the military.

One thing that really boggles my mind is that every one of those who are in opposition, knows exactly how we live and how we engage in sexual activities. How can one who does not live one's lifestyle know so much about it? Are they all sitting in their homes having fantasies about how homosexuals live?

Also a very negative impact is that they all believe, if you have a different sexual preference, you must be mentally ill. One's sexual preference has nothing to do with one's mental state.

that all Jews were mentally incompetent and inferior. American history teaches that this country believes the same about Black people.

Years of wrong teachings and miseducation are the product of this controversy.

What we really should concentrate on in the future is that gays live just as normally as everyone else. I believe you as the news media in our community have an obligation to do so. Stop printing so much of the diversity in our community because it just reflects a small part of it. Write stories about those hundreds of successful gay business owners, about gay people who are doing tremendous work for the entire community!

I myself am the founder of a neighborhood organization in the downtown area and openly gay. We successfully have done tremendous work to rid our neighborhood of crime and create recreational activities for young and old people. Doing this kind of work I have met a lot of gay men and women who have spent their time doing successful work with the entire community, and nobody cares what their sexual preference might be! This is the kind of thing the public needs to know -- that we are just as successful, caring and effective as everybody else.

Sincerely,
Walter F. Mueller

No Kids = No Need For War?

Editor,

There is an ongoing controversy as to the issue of homosexual participation in the military. While it is true that they are in every way capable of serving in every capacity that the military has to offer it is the opinion of this writer that they should not. Here is why.

The military exists for only one reason, to wage war as necessary. War is fought for human resources, present and strategic. Resources are needed to maintain population levels and standards of comfort. As populations grow the need for further resources grow with it. The taking of others' resources or the threat thereof is the standard prompt for the beginning of war.

Populations since the beginning of time have grown only through heterosexual interaction! Typical homosexual activity does not lead to reproduction and overpopulation. Homosexuality therefore does not lead to the need for increased resource acquisition caused by overpopulation.

In so much as homosexual activity does not lead to overpopulation and the subsequent need for resource grabbing and emigration by the aggressively growing population this segment of society should not have to fight and die for the wanton lack of self restraint typical of the reproductive segment of society. This is why homosexuals should not serve in the military. They should not have to give their lives for the sins os society's over active breeders.

While it is necessary for the military to rise up and wage war and kill off this overburdening population in the name of resource acquisition and retention, homosexuals, in so much as they do not contribute to this problem should not be required to give their lives for the sins of the society in which they live. Homosexuals also tend to constitute the superior intellectual segment of society as history shows over and over again and therefore are much to valuable a resource to squander in the killing games of ape like military personnel.

Timothy W. DeVille

Offended by RCDC Statement

Editor,

As an active member of the River City Democratic Club I was shocked to read in a letter from Dominic Barajas in another gay newspaper (MGW, 2/15), that Michael Boyd, the co-chair of RCDC, had struck some "deal" for the club's endorsement of Deborah Ortiz for City Council. This is so grossly inaccurate that I feel the Gay and Lesbian community should be given information that will help them

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LETTERS!

The latest ISSUE welcomes letters on any subject. Be sure to include your name and phone number for verification. We will not print your name if you wish to remain anonymous.

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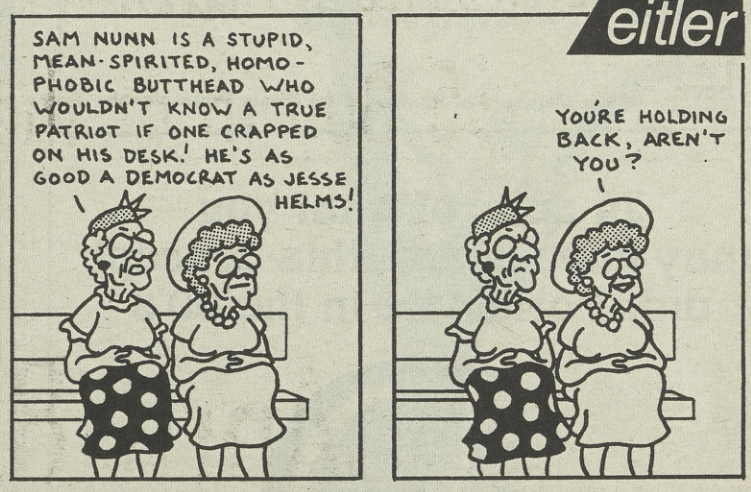
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☐ WHY BIGOTS ARE STILL ALLOWED TO SERVE IN THE U.S. SENATE.
☐ ALL OF THE ABOVE.
THANKS!
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maintain their confidence in the River City Democratic Club and its candidate endorsements.

Obviously, Mr. Barajas does not know that RCDC endorsements come from a vote of the membership who are in attendance at the endorsement meeting of the club. Unless the co-chair was able to stuff the ballot box, there is no way one person could commit the club's endorsement to a "pre-selected" candidate. Secondly, the by-laws of the club do not permit split endorsements. We may only endorse ONE candidate for each position. This has been a source of some friction then there are several outstanding candidates. But this bylaw clearly reflect's membership's decision that out limited resources and energy need to be focused on one endorsement only.

I too am grateful to Anne Rudin for her fine service as mayor of Sacramento, and for her courageous support of issues that are central to the lesbian and gay community. Her choice to manage the Shaw-Connelly campaign cannot be the sole basis for my choice and Democrats have more than one excellent candidate to choose from should not be the occasion for accusing Ortiz supporters of disrespect for our former mayor. Nor should it occasion grossly erroneous accusations of deal making. Rather it should be the occasion for hard work to let the voters know the record of the candidates, the values and skills they will bring to the city council, and to encourage a large voter turnout in the 5th District.

Sincerely,
William K. Bruff

Bar is Victim of Discrimination

Editor,

We are one of the neighborhood groups in the Alkali Flat/ Mansion Flats area. The goal of our group is to support the minority groups, poor and homeless people in our area.

Recently, one of our bars, located at 15th and F Streets has been sold. This bar used to be a big problem in the area (former "Joe's Corner" - now "The Mirage").

Immediately, neighborhood associations opposed the new owners. Concerns like parking and noise as well as a dance permit are just a few of them. We refused to jump on the band wagon and contacted the new owners. It turned out that they had already made major improvements in and outside the bar. Security 7 days a week, cameras and additional parking are just some of them. Several neighborhood meetings and forums were held. All of them were attended by the new owners. They made very clear that most of the legitimate concerns, which have been ours too, had been taken care of.

It came as a shock to us when in one of the meetings we had to realize that the real reason for opposing the bar was the fact that it is going to be a gay and lesbian bar. We were also shocked about all the research which had been done by some of the groups. Advertising from gay newspapers, introducing this new bar were handed out. Speakers got into furious arguments over the bad impact it is going to have by gays coming in to our area.

We have also a pilot program in our area with an elected board, called the Community Action Team. Anonymous, they voted against the bar.

Now, the new owners have done everything to show that they are cooperating and work with the community. Every legitimate concern has been taken care of. Also, they have given out their personal telephone number at meetings in order for residents to contact them in case of a problem. Anybody who is willing to work and cooperate with the community and obeys the law, deserves the support of the community.

Our group is supporting this bar and will do everything to help. We hope, you will find some time to look into this matter and maybe research the homophobic attitude which is the only reason this bar is being opposed.

Sincerely,
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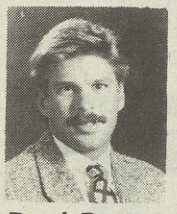

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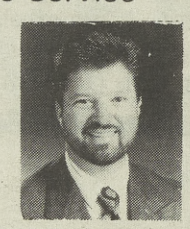

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AROUND TOWN

Ortiz Appreciates Support, Understands Elitism

by **Stan Carlsen**

Debroah Ortiz, the River City Democratic Club endorsed candidate for the vacant District 5 City Council seat, won election on March 2.

During the campaign, many gay activists publicly supported other progressive candidates in the race, most notably Jean Shaw-Connelly.

In the heat of the campaign, charges flew from the Shaw-Connelly camp that the RCDC endorsement was somehow "fixed" by co-chair Michael Boyd.

"Look," says Ortiz, "I've been a member of RCDC and I worked with Michael on redistricting in 1990. He kept me up to date on issues important to the gay/lesbian community, and he went out of his way to help form a coalition of minorities."

Ortiz says there is "class elitism" in all minorities. She has run up against this attitude in the Hispanic community where she has long-supported a "model that works" -- cooperation among ethnic minorities and the gay/lesbian community.

"This requires a transition in thinking, a look to a higher standard of cooperation," said Ortiz.

A lot of cooperation is required in a district that is made up of a population that is 54% non-white. There are Asian language barriers, hous-

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Update on Sacramento's

Domestic Partner's Law

by **Ken Locke**

Since the city of Sacramento adopted a domestic partner's ordinance in November of 1992, 127 couples have registered according to Sacramento City Clerk Valerie Borrowes. That is an average of one new couple per day.

The requirements for registration as domestic partners in Sacramento are that the couple both be 18 years of age or older, are not related by blood, reside together (sharing at least one dwelling) and share basic living expenses.

To legally validate their relationships, the couple may either file a declaration of domestic partnership with the City Clerk at City Hall (on 915 I Street) or have a declaration that is substantially similar to that one, and having it notarized.

The ordinance gives employees leave benefits to care for a spouse, or the child or the parent of the spouse, and upon the death of a spouse or the child or parent of a spouse or the child. Couples are also given hospital visitation rights, although the hospital may require the partner to submit proof of domestic partnership (only if the hospitalized partner does not specifically designate who is or is not allowed to visit).

Sacramento became the fifth city in California to enact a domestic partnership ordinance that allows same sex couples to officially and legally register as couples. In the past decade, San Francisco, Berkeley, West Hollywood, and Laguna Beach enacted similar ordinances.

Black History Acknowledged at Lambda

by **Michael Gorman**

The gay, lesbian and bisexual community of Sacramento is beginning to see concrete signs of the Lambda Community Center's renewed commitment to representing the entire community, with its first official celebration of Black History month.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, the main floor of the Lambda Center was decorated with memorabilia from the collection of local historian Lee Roberson, including books, posters, prints, sculpture, paintings, dolls, photos, magazines and knick-knacks.

Some of the representations of African Americans, particularly those from advertising of the first half of this century, were embarrassing to the contemporary observer. Aunt Jemima, Bull Durham, Armor Ham ("The Ham What Am"): the images played upon cultural and physical stereotypes in a way that is disturbing.

The presence of such images in the display served to provoke thought, especially when juxtaposed against pastels of African life by artist Kent Cottrell and other realistic views of Black history. The images called to mind the controversies today about similar images in the gay and lesbian community, such as the drag queen and the bull dyke.

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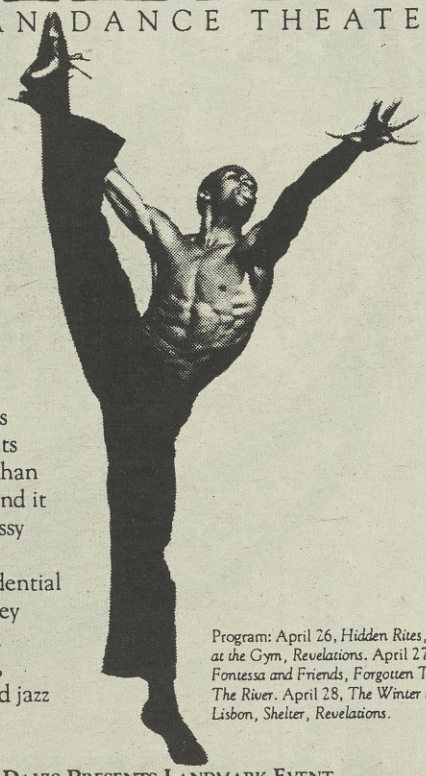

"The Ailey troupe has never looked better. Its technique is sharper than it has been in years, and it has lost none of its sassy flair" (*Time*). Featured in the Presidential inauguration, the Ailey troupe melds classical ballet, modern dance, ethnic stylizations and jazz movements.

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Sacramento County Gays and Lesbians

The Department of Health and Human Services has officially recognized the Sacramento County Employees Lesbian and Gay Caucus.

In existence for more than two years, the caucus's goal is to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation for county employees and their clients.

The caucus also encourages and advises on training on lesbian and gay issues for county employees.

If you are interested in coming to one of the monthly meetings call 484-5084 or write to P.O. Box 163691, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Rainbow Phoenix Project Begins

The Rainbow Phoenix Project (Phoenix Gardens Memorial Park) is a non-profit, non-denominational, charitable corporation dedicated to providing a memorial resting place for people who have died of AIDS and their loved ones. The names and personal data of those who have died with AIDS will be inscribed within the walls of the park's central monument.

Funding for the planned memorial is being sought out from individual and corporate donations. Labor and material donation are also welcome. Call 737-6505 for more info.

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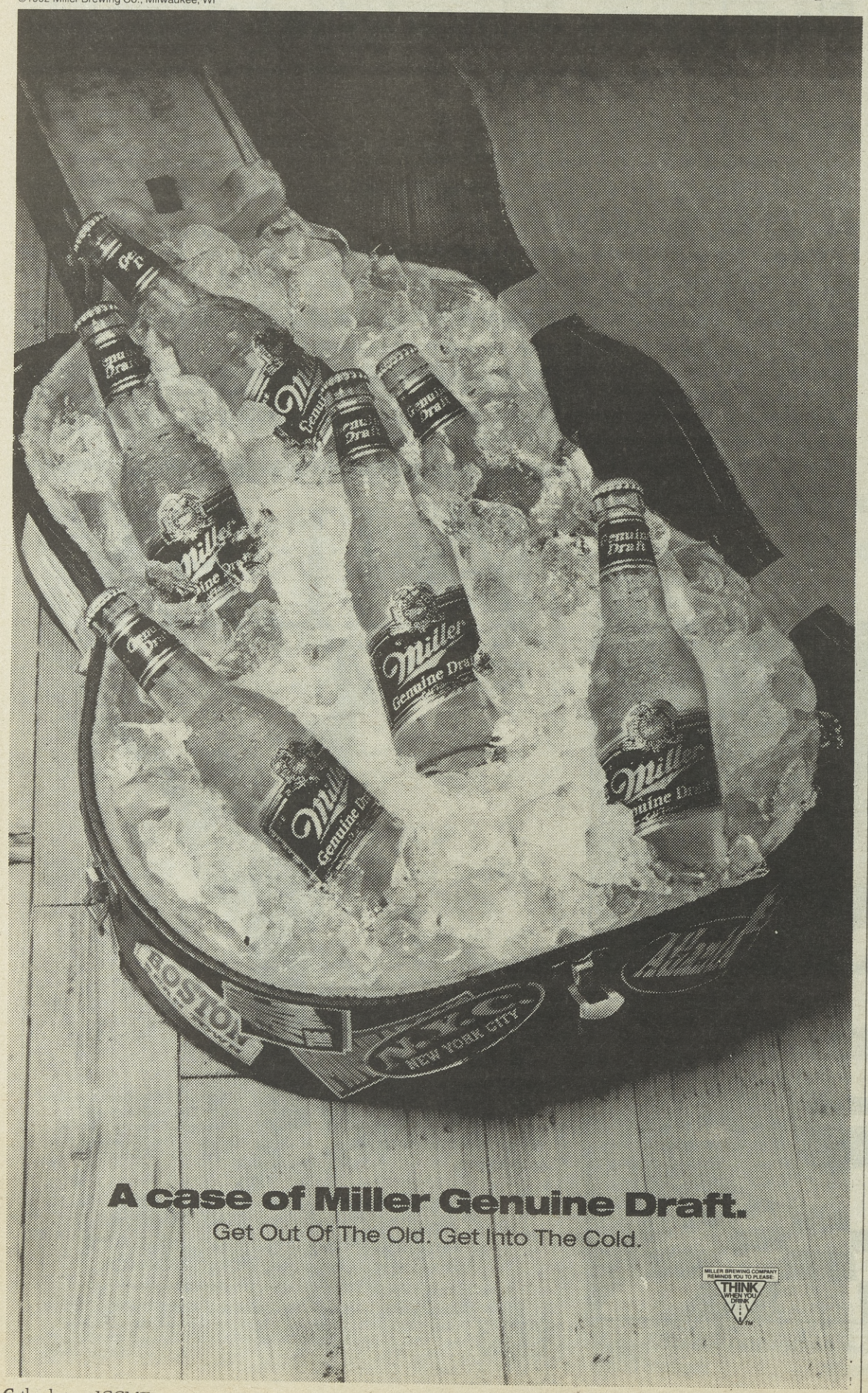
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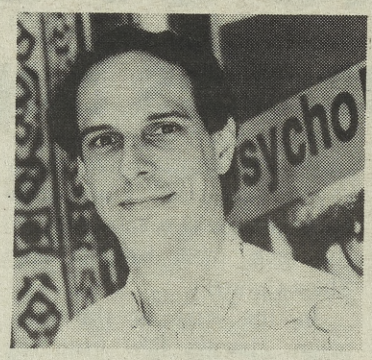

Dennis Mangin of Psycho Killers and Twisted Sisters.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento and Delta Lambda Phi are sponsoring a showing of "Psycho Killers and Twisted Sisters" on March 30, at 7 p.m. in the Redwood Room of the CSU University Union.

The presenter, film historian Daniel Mangin, takes a look at mainstream cinema's most enduring stereotypes of gay/lesbian characters.

Tickets are available at Lioness Books and the Lambda Center. Call 451-5872 for information.

Sacramento Hosts Democrats Convention

California Democrats hold their biennial Convention April 2-4 at the Sacramento Convention Center. Gay and lesbian Democrats and friends are invited. The convention activities include elections of new statewide officers as well as Gay/Lesbian Caucus officer elections.

Current Chair, Jean Harris, is seeking the Party Secretary office. If elected, this would be the first time an openly gay person will sit on the California Democratic Party Executive Board.

The River City Democratic Club (RCDC) hosts a hospitality suite for the Gay/Lesbian Caucus at 10:30 p.m. in Suite 304 at the Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane. All are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help at the convention. Call RCDC at 394-3114 for information.

CAP/PAC Announces Dinner Date

California Capital Political Action Committee, Sacramento's bi-partisan, lesbian and gay political action committee (CAP/PAC) has scheduled its annual fundraising dinner for June 5th at the Radisson Hotel.

Dennis Mangers, Co-Chair of the dinner program committee, stated,"We are taking a break from the traditional dramatic vignettes we have done in past years and are planning an evening of song, dance, and just pure entertainment."

This years dinner will also include a live and a silent auction to fund CAP/PAC's political agenda.

Tickets are $75 a person. For information call 423-1475.

Rummage and Baking Professionals

The Rainbow Real Estate Professionals are sponsoring a rummage and bake sale fundraiser to benefits AIDS charities and the Lambda Community Center on Saturday, April 24 in the Lambda Center parking lot, 20th and L Streets.

All donations, in good condition, should be small enough for one person to carry unless donor can transport. The sale will occur between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information call 369-7012.

"Odd Girl" to Speak at SACWN Meeting

Lillian Faderman, author of "Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers" will be the speaker at the March 20, meeting of the Sacramento Area Career Women's Network at the Sacramento Inn. Odd Girls is a history of lesbians in 20th century America.

Faderman unfolds lesbian herstory through the individual lives of women, telling their stories and by describing the popular fiction and non-fiction writings of the times.

Tickets for the SACWN event may be purchased ahead of time by calling 451-8034. Advance prices are $12 for SACWN members, $17 for non-members and $20 at the door. SACWN monthly meetings are open to women over the age of 21.

DEADLINES

The editorial deadline for our next issue is April 1st. Camera-ready advertising materials are due by April 5th.

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OUTTA TOWN

Anti-Gay Film Gets Lots of Play at the Pentagon

by **Steve Bistransky**

"The Gay Agenda," a 25-minute video being distributed throughout the United States by a church in Southern California, is purported to be a "factual" report on the "homosexual lifestyle."

The video uses many of the classic tricks of propaganda to create an atmosphere of fear.

The Antelope Valley Springs of Life Ministries in Lancaster, California is responsible for the creation of the tape. This is the same church that made news for re-ordaining Jim Baker after he had successfully stolen millions of dollars from unsuspecting followers.

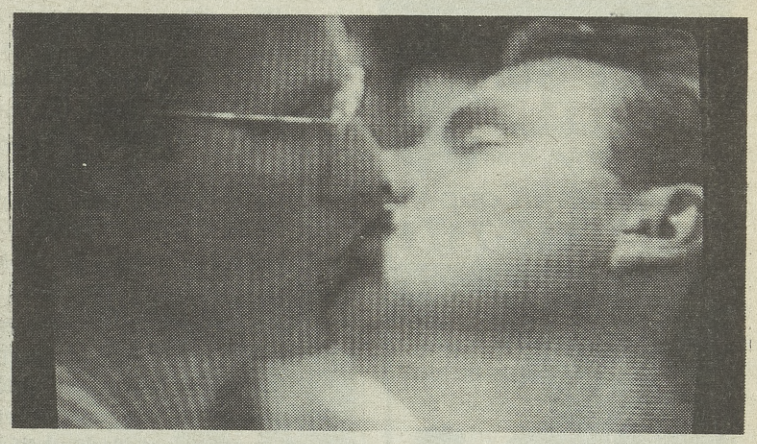
The widely distributed tape is intended to develop shock and abhorrence in its viewers by carefully splicing footage from various gay freedom day parades along with interviews with "specialists" on the "gay life-style".

The footage features people at gay parades and celebrations who dress in little more than chains and feathers -- the implication being that all gays and lesbians reval in the worst type of debauchery. It also showed shots of crying children, implying that these children were witnessing and comprehending the parades in horror.

Copies of the video have been sent to Sam Nunn, the senator from Georgia and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other members of congress who are sympathetic to the religious right wing's causes of bigotry and suppression of civil rights.

About 25,000 copies of this video have already been distributed. The $13.95 tape was featured recently on Pat Robertson's "The 700 Club" and there are reportedly as many as 500 orders for it each day.

"This video is everywhere," said Ann Northrup recently to the *San Francisco Chronicle.* Northrup is executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Emergency Media Campaign. "It's all over the military; it's being used in referendum campaigns."



A scene from "The Gay Agenda."

Locally, the Rev. Jerry Sloan warned that, "Our community does not take the film seriously enough. We don't see ourselves in the film," he said and therefore do not think anyone could take it seriously.

"I've seen films like this before," Rev. Sloan continued. "But this is sensational because this video was willingly and enthusiastically accepted and distributed by the Pentagon."

The doctor interviewed in the video tape is Santa Cruz physician Stanley Monteith, who describes in lurid detail and with gruesome pleasure what he states is typical gay sexual behavior: rolling about naked in human feces and the ingestion of the same.

Also interviewed on the

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Bashed Sailor's Mother Demands Action

by **Dennis Conkin**

The White House has refused to respond to pleas by Dorothy Hajdys, the mother of Allen Schindler, the sailor brutally in a gay-bashing last October in Japan, for a meeting with President Clinton.

Hajdys publicly called for a meeting with Clinton at a press conference in San Francisco on March 7. "I want Clinton to understand what has happened. What would he do if his little girl was in the Navy and two people killed his little girl and he knew she was never coming home again and she was never going to say 'I love you.' Would he stay quiet and sweep it under the rug?" Hajdys said.

"My son was beaten to death, not by cause of war, not by the enemy, but by two men from his own ship." "I'm not a gay activist. I just don't want any homosexual in the military to end up like my son did."

Airman Apprentice Terry Helvey has been arrested for the murder and could face the death penalty if convicted of the charge at a court martial slated to begin on April 27.

Helvey made a worn statement last October 28, the day after the murder, that Schindler has approached him for sex but later retracted the statement and in addition to the murder has been charged with lying about the incident.

Another sailor, Airman

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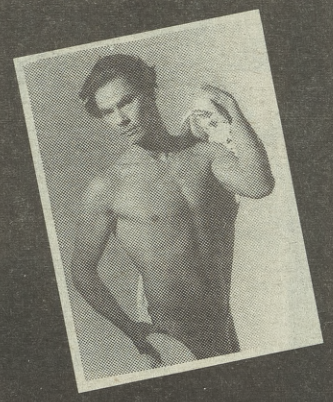
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ing shortages and a lack of health care facilities, along with a high crime rate.

Ortiz believes that day to day survival issues and "life and death situations" will take most of her attention in the hard-hit district. "There is an enormous amount of work to do," she adds.

Ortiz promises to be responsive to all concerns of the district. "I will stand for protection from discrimination for everyone. I also oppose any attempt to repeal domestic partners legislation."

AIDS education is also a concern for Ortiz. "I am especially concerned about young Black females. These girls are becoming sexually active at an earlier age and must be given the information that could save their lives."

Ortiz also supports "cultural education" in the public schools, exposing students "to all aspects of society. I mean our society is not mom and pop with two kids, a picket fence in some wonderland...if I had a child who was homosexual I would teach that child how beautiful it is to be who you are!"

BLACK HISTORY

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How does a minority lay claim to its cultural heritage without allowing its misuse by those who would paint us in two dimensions? How do we embrace the mammy, the minstrel, the drag queen, the bull dyke as a part of a rich heritage while fighting against the perversion of those images by those who hate us?

One answer to that question lay in the collection. Mixed in with the pancake and ham posters were representations of Civil Rights heroes, soldiers, poets, athletes, politicians and entertainers, artists, and just plain folk. Roberson did not censor his collection; he made it broadly representative.

The collection included reference to well-known gay and lesbian African Americans, including Langston Hughes (poet), Bessy Smith (blues singer), James Baldwin (novelist), Lorrainne Hansberry (playwright), Baynard Rustin (planner of the 1963 March on Washington at which Doctor King spoke), as well as gay icons like Diana Ross.

Marghe Covino of the Lambda board expressed hope that "this will become an annual event" and that next year's display will be in a space that will allow it to remain up for the entire month. She also plans to ask that gay, lesbian and bisexual African Americans be more prominently featured in future displays in order to educate about this twice-suppressed minority.

> "The greatest tribute to those who came before is our survival."

The celebration continued that evening with a reception and performance hosted by Pamela Atkins. The program began with the singing of the Black national anthem, followed by a tribute to Audre Lorde ("a Black, Lesbian, mother, warrior woman") by Josie Miranda, who finished her tribute with a profound line of her own: "The greatest tribute to those who came before is our survival." Musicians Rose Casteel, Sue Chan and Douglas Wolfe sang folk style music with acoustic guitars. Judging by the reactions of the audience, the highlights of the evening were an impersonation of Langston Hughes by actor Guy Madison, and a dramatic interpretation by Angie Coleman of "Somebody Stole My Stuff" from the play For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf by Ntozake Shange.

The Black History Week celebration was coordinated by Josie Miranda, Franklin Anderson and John Rambo. Individuals interested in viewing Lee Robison's extensive collection, including some items for sale, may contact him through the Lambda Center.

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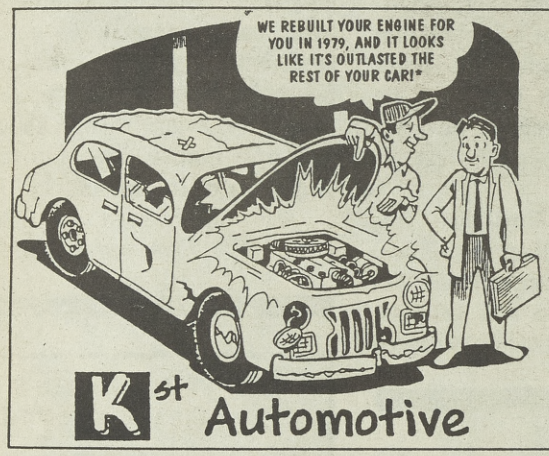

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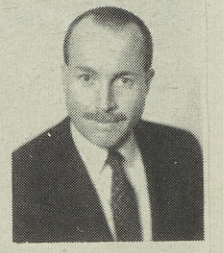
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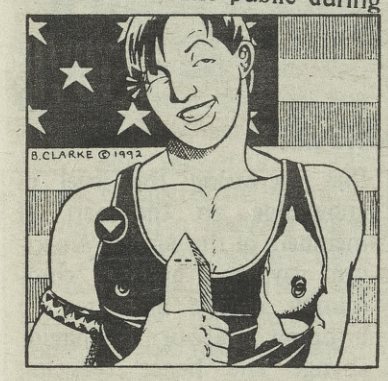
March on Washington Information Update

by **Stacy Selmants**

Despite efforts by the U.S. Department of the Interior to bar public access to huge sections of the Mall, plans (including a contingency plan) are being finalized for the April 25 March on Washington, which will promote gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender causes, and is expected to include nearly one million people.

The Department of the Interior's closure of sections of the Mall -- the grassy area that was thoroughly thrashed by President Clinton's "Reunion on the Mall" -- became an issue in early February, and continues to be a problem for organizers who may have to reschedule or cancel events, including rallies.

Large sections of the Mall will be closed to the public during



an extended re-seeding project. However, March organizers and supporters in Congress, including openly gay Representative Gerry Studds (D- Massachusetts), are lobbying for a change in plans in relation to the re-seeding.

Meetings have been held between members of Congress, their staff, and Department of Interior bureaucrats. However, at a recent meeting, a *Washington Blade* reporter was reportedly barred from attending, because the reporter's attendance "would hinder open and frank discussion."

Contingency plans are being devised in the interim, while Capitol insiders, such as David Mixner (a gay political consultant who helped in Clinton's national presidential campaign), hammer out some kind of acceptable compromise behind closed doors.

One such plan would split the March in half, since the area currently open would only accommodate half the expected participants. This plan would divide the March into two segments: one group leaving from the Capitol and one group disembarking from the Pentagon.

Heading off the March in 1987, were gay and lesbian leaders from all over the country.

However, March organizers, while unwilling to give details of the negotiations being under-

taken on their behalf, have indicated they are "confident that things will be resolved favorably." And, they have also pointed out that two groups, spilling out into the side streets near the Capitol, would create a "logistical difficulty" for local police, and remain hopeful that the contingency plan will not be necessary. (Stay tuned for the next chapter of this re-seeding saga.)

Endorsement from NAACP Brings Cheers

The March on Washington organizers have been given the opportunity to expand the focus of the March, after the national leadership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) endorsed the March, and will send its Board President, Dr. William F. Gibson, as a rally speaker. The United Church of Christ -- over 1.7 million members strong -- has also formally endorsed the March. Both groups made statements asking for an end to discrimination of any kind. Both groups also indicated that members of their organizations will be "participating" on April 25.

Older Gays & Lesbians to Lead Off the March

The organizers of the March on Washington recently announced a decision had been made to allow a group of "self-identified" older gays and lesbians at the front of the processional. The second group will be a group of people living with AIDS. Following them will a mixture of representatives, including disabled gays,

teenagers, veterans, people of color, and members of Parents and Friends of Gays and Lesbians.

The first two states in the March will be Oregon, which didn't pass an anti-gay initiative, and Colorado, where passage of a statewide anti-gay law mounted by fundamentalist political groups has prompted a massive boycott from both homosexual and heterosexual consumers and organizations. The remainder of the states will appear according to the numbers drawn in a lottery.

NAMES Project Welcomes New Panels

The Names Project recently announced that it will be accepting more panels for the AIDS Quilt, which will be displayed during the April March. The display will serve to memorialize those who have already died of AIDS, as well to mobilize the living who continue to fight against AIDS. Names Project co-founder Mike Smith, who is organizing the display, anticipates receiving over 2,000 new panels.

"Nearly everyone going to the March has watched friends suffer through a losing battle with AIDS," Smith said. "Many of us had planned to attend the March with a lover or friend who didn't live long enough to see it. This display is a great way for us to include those lost friends in a historic event -- the largest gathering of lesbian and gay people ever."

This display will only include new panels, and throughout the weekend, people will be able to add a panel directly to the display. For information on the display, call (415) 403-3627; for more information on how to make a panel, call (415) 863-5511.

Free Housing Project

For those of you procrastinators out there who haven't yet decided to go, make a choice soon. According to reports, most hotel rooms have been booked. However, many have been booked as part of travel packages offered by travel agencies, and are available if you call the right "family" agencies. And, if you really wait until the last minute, your best bet will be couch or floor space as part of the March's community housing project. They can be reached at (202) 628-0493.

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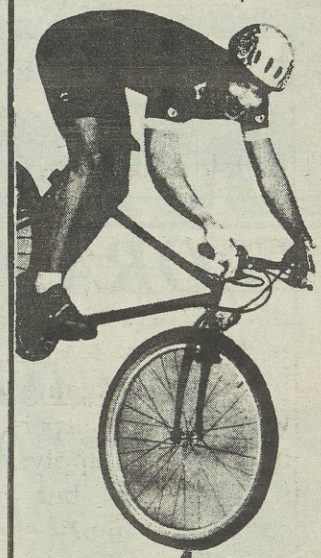

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HIV POSITIVE

New HIV Prevention Tool Targets African Americans

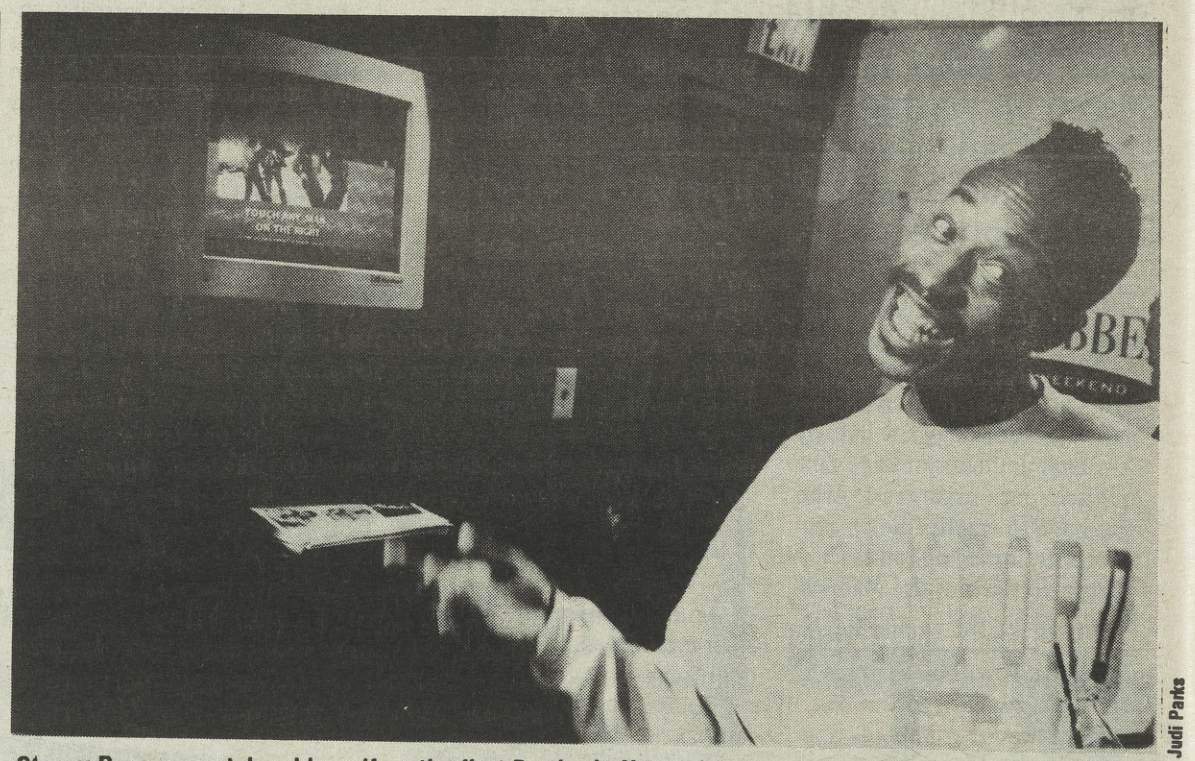
by **Arturo Jackson III**

Brothers, a new and innovative HIV education project targeting African American gay and bisexual men was launched this month by the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention.

Video images and a computer are used to create an interactive HIV educational tool, similar to a video arcade game, and is set up at the Eagle Creek Saloon in San Francisco.

"The Interactive Multi-Media Project, Brothers, allows the viewer to convert from a passive to active participant, one who can make choices and decide on options they are presented with," stated David Bolt, executive producer, Bay Area Video Coalition. The educational format highlights four characters in real sexually tinged dramas as well as user friendly sections on general knowledge and referral sources.

"Did you know that HIV also exists in precum, so that even if he does pull out, you might already be infected," warns Ron in a video dialogue encouraging the use of condoms. "Don't take a chance for a moment of passion -- be careful, love your partner and yourself," he adds.



Judi Parks

Stacey Pearson watches himself on the first Brother's Network interactive video.

"52% of African American gay and bisexual men were found to be practicing unprotected anal sex during the past six months, according to a recent UCSF study," stated Reggie Williams, executive director of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention. The statistic underscores an urgent need to further address the impact of AIDS on communities of color. "The Interactive Multi-Media Project-Brothers has applications in both the schoolroom and other settings to bring the prevention message to other communities in San Francisco and across the nation," adds Gerald Lenoir, executive director of the San Francisco Black Coalition on AIDS.

> "Be careful, love your partner and yourself."

"The San Francisco Department of Public Health AIDS Office has long recognized that increasing the level of knowledge on the part of members of the African American gay and bisexual community is the first step in bringing about behavior change and hence reducing the risk of HIV infection," stated Tim Offutt, Minority Initiative Coordinator at the S.F. D.P.H. AIDS Office. Media professionals donated time to develop the computer program used with the educational system. "San Francisco is showing the world how a combined sense of community spirit and high technology can create a wonderfully innovative AIDS prevention phenomenal," added Bolt.

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Spring Fever Outbreak in Sacramento

by **Stacy Selmants**

Birds are singing, flowers are budding, and lusty "Come jump me!" looks are everywhere. It's time for that annual hormonal ritual that you (and your crotch) so fondly remember -- Spring Fever.

The Spring equinox officially begins Saturday, March 20 (or Friday, March 19th, at closing time.)

To open the season, members of *the latest ISSUE* staff undertook the assignment of measuring the quickening, horny pulse of the local gay and lesbian community, to seek out answers to questions about dating, relationships, and general sexual attractiveness.

We conducted a completely random, unscientific survey one night by hanging out at Faces, and at the Townhouse, (plus a furtive, sleazy dash to the Western) and waved clipboards and survey forms at just about anybody who walked by. 122 people completed the one-page survey, with a close to equal split between women and men. We don't think any of us have dated any of them, so we assume that they told the truth.

We Just Wanted to Know About Your Sex Life, Part 1

There were some interesting surprises. Despite some gay bars' reputations for primarily being places to cruise and socialize, the large majority of respondents said they were looking for romance and a long term relationship, and NOT simply looking to score. Of course, we were there early in the evening, on a "school night"

Butts, butts and more butts. . .

so we got a different crowd and different answers than what you might expect on a Saturday, at say, 1:30 a.m.

While we intended the survey to be a kind of light, silly entertainment, many people agonized over their responses as if they were taking a midterm exam. We had to remind folks that it was just a survey, and NOT brain surgery. Despite our warnings, that there would be NO grading, not even on the curve, several people returned surveys that had corrections written in, over carefully applied white-out. The idea that there are people in this world who can nonchalantly whip out white-out in a crowded bar at 10 p.m. is a perverse, scary thought.

And there were people who were unclear on a few of our questions, or unclear on the whole concept. The term "A-Gay" is universal, or so we thought. We have now introduced (and explained) the term to many -- that it primarily refers to upwardly mobile, wealthy gay men.

Another person thought the term "partier" was a French term (pronounced "party-a") that meant someone who will leave you in the night, taking all your money and electronic appliances. No, it just means someone who likes to hang out late at night and probably shouldn't be driving home.

But thank you, all 122 of you, for taking the time and energy to complete our survey. And now the results:

We Just Wanted to Know About Your Sex Life, Part 2

In answer to the question: **"Rate the following in attractiveness (1 NOT attractive - 5 VERY attractive)"** we received interesting results. The categories were: butch, femme, leather, spiritual, rasta, sober, daddy, new age, partier, A-Gay, preppy and athletic.

The women liked girly-girls, and the guys wanted manly men. For the women's responses, the butch average was 2.7 on an attractiveness scale, which translates into the androgynous zone. However, on the "femme" question, the average was 4.6 for attractiveness, with a "5" being a perfect score.

The men's average for the butch question was 3.6, and the men's average for the femme types they found attractive was only 1.8. Keep in mind, for of you intensely butch women or femme guys, that this is only an average, of people grabbed randomly. There were always a few hardcore "5"s for each category.

For the **sober vs. partier** category, most of the responses fit into the "Just Say 'Maybe'" Club's rule of responsible hedonism (no felonies). The average was close to "3" for both questions, meaning most people liked to date people who might enjoy wine with dinner or a few cocktails now and again, but few wanted to date someone who believed strongly in the "How do we Do It? Volume, volume, volume!" school of cocktail/chemical consumption.

The **A-Gay** category was a shocker, and contradicted the popular fiction that men are obsessed by money. (No, **they** are obsessed with butts.) **While** there WERE a number of **"5"** responses in relation to **attractiveness**, there were also a **huge** number of 1's, or O's from the men. This may be explained by noting that many of the local A-Gay men, while they may be rich, are unfortunately trolls, with bad attitudes. The women gave affluence a better score, with a 2.5 attractiveness rating. (However, among Sacramento's lesbians, due to economic inequities, having a steady job and a car can almost make you an A-Gay.)

According to half our respondents, to get a date, all you have to do is to ask.

Again, we found people don't like to follow directions. In the section, **"I'm MOSTLY Looking For a) romance, b) long-term relationship, c) Someone to date, d) Fuck buddy, e) Someone to process with, or f) Someone with cable t.v.,"** MANY people disobeyed the rules and checked several. You bad, bad respondents! This really skews

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The tape "is also meant for those people whose mind is already made up and is designed to spur them on to greater activity to suppress basci human rights and to initiate donations of hard currency to enhance their leaders'power-base," said Sloan.

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Charles Vins, was sentenced to four months in military jail after a plea bargain in which he pleaded guilty to lesser charges in exchange for his testimony against Helvey.

Although he has completed his sentence, Vins remains on legal hold until the court martial proceedings against Helvey have been completed.

Despite repeated calls by the gay press for comment, the White House has remained mum about the incident -- and about Hajdys' desire to meet with Clinton.

"You wouldn't believe I used to be real quiet." Hajdys said, "Now I won't shut up. Nobody gave a care about my son being killed until it came out that he declared he was homosexual."

"What difference does that make? Does that make him less of a human?", she asked.

> "My son was beaten to death, not by cause of war, not by the enemy, but by two men from his own ship."

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March 16 - April 3

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians & Gays meets at 7:30 p.m. at Narthex, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, Sacramento. Call 665-1050 for information.

Big Art: Mosaaics and paintings by Farrell Hamann and icons by Ralph Wilson at 1928 L Street, Sacramento. Call 446-2740 for information.

March 16 - April 8

Dexter Smith's "On Site " acrylic paintings exhibited at the "Where 2 Gallery." Call 448-1264 for information.

March 16 - April 30

Hedi Desuyo displays her photographs and mixed media at Archival Framing, 1729 L. Street, Sacramento. Call 444-9624 for information.

March 16 - 26

Festival of Animation Sick and Twisted show at the Crest Theatre, 1013 K Street.

March 16 - 28

"Ishi - The Last Yahi" plays nightly at the Crest Theatre. For information call 442-5189.

March 16 - 18

A Midsummer Night's Dream performed Friday's and Saturdays by the Lambda Players. Call 442-7752 for information.

March 16 - 27

17 wednesday

Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance (LGBA) hosts M. Jane Pearce, Attorney at Law, discussing legal protections for gays, lesbians, and their partners; 7 p.m. at Carrow's Restaurant, 28th & J Streets. Call 641-8775 for more information.

18 thursday

Jazz-ee Dance Company of Sacramento State presents "Studio Works" concert. Call Dale at 278-6306 for information.

March 18 - 20

"Kick Up Your Heels" a show sponsered by Emperess Stacey to benefit the March on Washington at Faces.

19 friday

International Ms. Leather "Meet the Contestants Party" at the S.F. Eagle. 8 - 11 p.m.

Darien Taylor reading and book signing at Lioness Books, 224 J Street, Sacramento. Call 442-4657 for information.

Women's Open celebration History Dorado County Library, 345 Fairlane Dr., Placerville. For information call 676-8002.

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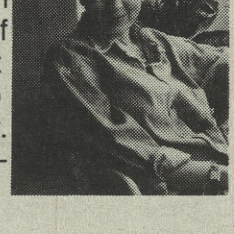
A Midsummer Night's Dream performed by the Lambda Players. Friday and Saturday nights through March 27. $10 at the door. Call 442-7752 for ticket information.

20 saturday



SACWN presents Lillian Faderman, author of "Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers" at Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden Way. Call 451-8034 for information.

River City Democratic Club 10th Anniversary Party at FACES, 2000 K Street, in the Video Room. $10 admission. 6-9pm.

International Ms. Leather Contest at Club Townsend, San Francisco. Call (415) 626-1672 for more info.

"The Fabulous Fifties" presented by Mr. Gay Cowboy and Miss Gay Cowgirl at the Townhouse.

Earth Day

21 sunday

Lady Rejeanna show for Miss Moo Princess at the Mercantile to benefit C.G.N.I.E. & F.G.F.

Gay Skate Party presnted by SAGA at Foothill Skate, 4700 Auburn Blvd from 8:30-10:30 p.m. call 635-1535 for information.

26 friday

"Lost Civilizations and Endangered Species," an exhibit at the C.N. Gorman Museum, U C Davis. Call 752-1930 for information.

Funny Girlz show and dance party at the Dinah Shore Golf Tournament in Palm Springs. For information call 310 288-6400.

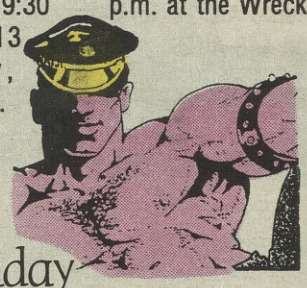
Talent Contest at the Camellia Room (Tuesday Club) on the " Coolest March Night" at 8 p.m.Call 489-5656. A Jammin' Jo Production.

27 saturday

Cinderella Bicycle Classic Lesbian Contingent Call (408) 629-0139 for information.

"Caregiving: The Final Stage," a workshop which provides practical resources enabling people to provide support to a person dying of AIDS or other life threatening illness. Call 415 861-0877 for information.

Sacramento Leather Daddy & Daddy's Boy Contest. 9:30 p.m. at the Wreck Room, 2513 Broadway, Sacramento. Call 863-3398 for info.



28 sunday

Monte Carlo Night at Faces, 2000 K Street at 5 p.m., presented by Empress Yvette & Empress Stacey.

2nd Annual West Coast Lesbian's Festival in Santa Barbara. Call 904 826-0410 for information.

29 monday

"Legal/ Insurance Issues and HIV", a health education program at CARES, 2710

April

Capitol Avenue, Sacramento. Call 443-2011 for information.

30 tuesday

Psycho Killers and Twisted Sisters, a look at the history of lesbians and gay men in cinema. 7 p.m. at the Redwood Rm. of CSUS Univerity Union. For info call 863-2518 ext. 6006.

31 wednesday

Access To Clinical Drug Trials for HIV/AIDS Patients--a presentation and question/answer session at 7:30 p.m. at the U.C. Davis Cancer Center Auditorium, 45th and X Streets. Call 446-3734 for information.

1 thursday

"Puttin' on the Dog"--an exhibition honoring man's best friend at Archival Framing's Gallery, 1729 L Street. Call 444-9624 for information.

April 1 - 30

2 friday

Teddy Bear Convention in Nevada City.
April 2 - 4

The Pain of the Macho plays at the Sacramento Theatre Company, 1419 H Street, Sacramento. Call 443-6722 for information.

April 2 - 24

4 sunday

"Spring Forward - Ski Bash '93" will be held at Northstar, Tahoe. To benefit the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. For information call 448-AIDS.

9 friday

The Legendary Supremes presented by JAH International at the One Love Benefit at the Sacramento Grand Ballroom. Ticket call 1-800-488-0119.

10 saturday

"Search for the Stars" a talent show sponsered by The Fairy God Fathers held at Joseph's Town & Country. Call 921-0414 for information.

11 sunday

14 wednesday

"HIV Medical Treatment Update", a health education program at CARES, 2710 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento. Call 443-3299 for information.

CGNIE Voting for the Emperor and Empress at the Lambda Community Center. All residents of Empire are eligible to vote.

19 monday

RCDC Meeting with special guest Assemblywoman Delaine Eastin at the YWCA, 17th and L Streets, 6:30 p.m.

22 thursday

CGNIE In-Town Show at Faces.

Gay Skate Party presented by SAGA at Foothill Skate, 4700 Auburn Blvd. from 8:30-10:30. $5 Call 635-1535 for information.

23 friday

CGNIE Out-of-Town show at the Town House.

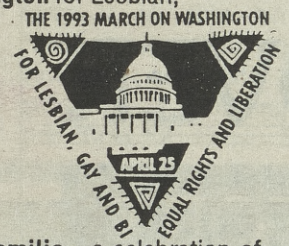
24 saturday

CGNIE Coronation "20 Years of Glitz & Glamor." Kick off by Mayor Joe Serna. Starts at 7 p.m. at Turn Verin Hall.

Asparagus Festival VII, demos, entertainment, arts and crafts and food. Oak Grove Regional Park in Stockton.

25 sunday

March onWashington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi-sexual Rights.



Victory Brunch at noon at the Bull Market.

Festival de la Familia-- a celebration of Latino culture with music, food, arts, etc. Call 321-1793 for information.

April 25 - May 30

MONDAYS

Worried Well Support Group, for HIV negative people effected by HIV Positive loved ones. 1st and 3rd Mondays. 6:30 p.m. Call 448-2437 for details.

Domestic Violence, a drop-in support group for men and women at the Lambda Community Center 7 - 8:30 p.m. Call 442-0185 for information.

Men's Coming Out Group at the Lambda Center, 1931 L Street. Call 442-0185 for details.

Lesbian and Gay Town Council, 2nd Monday of each month. Call 448-0422 for info.

TUESDAYS

Gay,Lesbian, Bisexual Student Union at American River College meets from 5-6 p.m. in Rm. D113.

Being Gay Today, 10 p.m. on cable 18. An hour of lesbian and gay programming.

Heart to Heart, a HIV+ support group for gay and bi-men to talk about common emotions. Call 448-2437 for info.

Sacramento Leather Association, monthly meeting at the Wreck Room, 7 p.m. First Tuesday of each month. For info. call 863-3398.

WEDNESDAYS

LGSA - Sacramento City College Lesbian Gay Student Alliance meets at 5:30 in Rm. B220.

THURSDAYS

Twin Spirits Veteran's Group meets every third at MCC, 7:30 pm.

Gay, Lesbian. Bisexual Student Union at American River College meets from 12-1:30 p.m. in Rm. 154.

SUNDAYS

Women of Color Support Group, every Sunday, 7:15 - 9 p.m. Lambda Center 1931 L Street. Call 442-0185 for info.

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The Musical is Back and Strictly Ballroom is Hot!

by **Chris Narloch**

"Hot" is the only word to describe "Strictly Ballroom", a sensational new romantic comedy from Australia. It's sexy new star, Paul Mercurio, is hotter still. This candy-colored confection about ballroom dancing is the most entertaining, sassy musical in ages.

The story concerns an ambitious young hoofer, played by Mercurio, who aims to inject some new moves in to the staid world of ballroom competition. Naturally, all hell breaks loose, and the results couldn't be funnier.

Ballroom is, of course, a dance for couples, and the romantic entanglement our hero finds himself in off the floor provide the perfect complement to the flashy, eye-popping dance numbers.

The movie takes every cliche from all the musicals you can think of, and somehow makes them seem fresh. A satiric spirit, combined with old-style Hollywood glamour, has a great deal to do with the movie's success.

Lollipop-colored costumes as well as some great, funny-scary hairdo's add spice to the film, and you have to go back to Astaire and Rogers to find anything as sweet as the scene where Mercurio and his partner strut their stuff in front of a huge, sparkling Coca-Cola sign.

The supporting performances are all fun, especially Pat Thompson, who almost steals the show as Mercurio's hysterical shrew of a stage-mother. But the real star is Paul Mercurio, who commands the dance floor with a fierce gaze and fleet. (He also fills out some incredible matador-style outfits.)

"Strictly Ballroom" is a musical even people who think they don't like musicals can enjoy. I had a smile on my face all the way through it.

⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡

Paul Mercurio and Tara Morice in "Strictly Ballroom."

Video Spotlight

Those of you in love with Neil Jordan's new film "The Crying Game" may have missed some of the director's earlier work.

Here are three titles to look for at your local video outlet:

"The Company of Wolves"

No kiddie crap here - this is a horror film for adults. It's bizarre, R-rated version of "Little Red Riding Hood" with "Red" and the wolf very much attracted to each other. Featuring classy effects, a sexy Wolf and a great performance by Angela Lansbury as granny. ⚡⚡⚡

"Mona Lisa"

The movie that put director Jordan and star Bob Hoskins on the map details the adventures of a loudmouth chauffeur and a beautiful hooker. She turns out to have a secret almost as big as the one in "The Crying Game". Michael Cain gives a wonderful star a turn as the villain, and you get to hear the peerless Nat King Cole over the end credits. ⚡⚡⚡⚡

"The Miracle"

My personal favorite among Jordan's films is the story of two teenaged friends, one male and one female, who like to follow strangers and make up stories about them. They get more than they bargained for when mystery woman Beverly D'Angelo intrudes on their seemingly innocent fun. Witty, moving and with terrific acting, this little-gem finds Jordan's penchant for games and secrets in peak form. ⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡

⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡ Must see
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by Bill Peterson

Kim Carnes "Gypsy Honeymoon"

More than a decade on from her trademark hit "Bette Davis Eyes", Kim Carnes is back with this 16 track collection combining her late 70's work with three brand new cuts (including one by Sacramento's Larry Tagg).

"Gypsy Honeymoon" shows that not much has changed for Carnes over the past decade -- which is to say that her song writing and singing are as reliable as ever.

A balanced combination of ballads and straight forward country-rockers, this collection includes duets with Barbara Streisand and Kenny Rogers as well as several high points from Carnes' under-appreciated mid 80s albums such as the rousing white trash-diner soap opera "Thrill of the Grill" -- "She said I'll take off early/If you'll take me home/ Come on honey, say you will/Jump on into my Coupe De Ville." The comforting "Rough Edges" and "I'll Be Here Where the Heart Is" -- "Is it fate or is it luck/ That brings us back/ or is it just a common point of view...I wish that I could see you again".

With the recent resurgence of Bonnie Raitt's popularity, hopefully the similar and equally talented Carnes will also be embraced by a new audience. ⚡⚡⚡

The Crying Game Soundtrack "Play at Your Own Risk"

The subtitle on the cover of "The Crying Game" soundtrack, "Play it at Your Own Risk," is a generally sterling rule to remember when shopping for a standard movie hodge-podge soundtrack album. Luckily, "The Crying Game "is not a standard movie, nor is this companion to the film.

The first half consists of songs key to the film's memorable story line, while the second part features the instrumental score. Of the first half, the title song is served up twice in different and interesting versions -- the first sung by Boy George (as produced by Pet Shop Boys), the second is the 1965 original, done in an eery Twin Peaksian tone by Dave Berry. Other fun bits are Lyle Lovett's take on the Tammy Wynette hit "Stand By Your Man" and the suddenly ominous Percy Sledge classic "When a Man Loves A Woman".

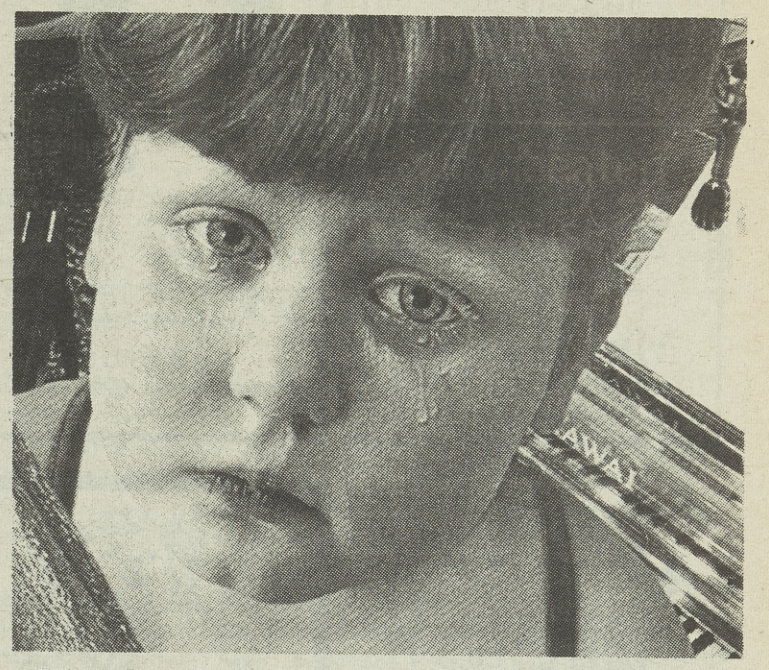
The instrumentals serve as a reminder to the generally foreboding tone of the film with titles such as "The Soldier's Wife" and "The Assassination". ⚡⚡⚡

Jellyfish "Spilt Milk"

A few years back, a zany video showed up on MTV with four guys dressed in tasteless 70's garb and Dr. Seuss hats -- thus the bay area boys of Jellyfish hoisted themselves on the world.

With a string of kitschy promos to accompany their outstanding debut album and much praise (often mentioning The Beatles and Squeeze), it seemed that here was a band poised for great things. Sadly, the little princess on the cover of "Spilt Milk" seems to be crying for the band rather than her overturned bowl of Lucky Charms.

The comparisons to Lennon/McCartney and Squeeze may continue due to the general tunefulness of the songs, but alas, Jellyfish seems to be stagnant already, trapped in the fleetingly amusing tinkly piano sound of the mid-70's.



While the songs on the debut album about wanting to "Play guitar and be a Beatle" and "Making love under the podium at PTA" were amusing, that elementary school shtick wears a bit thin here with "Joining a Fan Club" and "Sebrina, Paste and Plato" -- "The substitute is counting down her/ Ticks till recess... Because today's the day Sebrina/ Builds her box lunch buffet/ Kool-aid, sandwiches and chips for all..."

Despite some good moments and an amusing line, "Past cathedrals filled with God's favorite guests/Dirty hands feel clean when dressed/ In their Sunday best", "Split Milk" is an overblown disappointment. ⚡⚡

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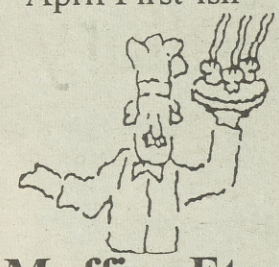

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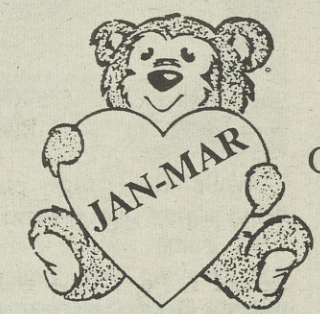

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Sacramento's Best Kept Secret... the 750 Gallery

by **D. Oldham**

One of Sacramento's best kept secrets is the 750 Gallery, hidden behind the Matrix Gallery on I Street. Though it may be difficult to find, it is definitely worth the look.

The 750 Gallery (named for its previous address) was founded in 1986 and is one of this area's thriving group of not-for-profit membership galleries. This is an energetic group, changing exhibitions monthly and staffing its space with active gallery members.

This gallery regularly features its member-artists and has quietly become a part of this area's growing art community.

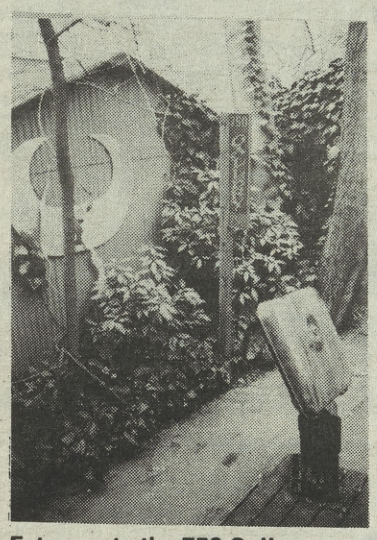
Members are selected through a slide screening process, which makes 750 the only Sacramento membership gallery to include only artists on its staff. The gallery receives no grant funding and the gallery costs are paid through membership dues.

According to gallery director Michael Prawzdik, being a member of 750 allows an artist to exhibit more often than for-profit galleries, with many 750 members exhibiting in the space three times a year.

Gallery artists are not under any contact so they may also exhibit at other spaces, allowing the artist more freedom within the art community.

The building that houses the exhibition space gives the gallery a gritty reality that is missing from most of Sacramento's larger viewing spaces, the ivy growing through the front wall into the gallery adds to its irresistible charm.

The entrance is nestled in a shady overgrown courtyard filled with an eclectic collection of outdoor sculpture which gives 750 an individuality that balances well with the exhibitions inside. The exhibit lighting is provided by clip lamps adding to the warehouse feel that continues with the cement floor and tin roof.



Entrance to the 750 Gallery.

Appearances can be deceiving. This rustic environment draws quality work from top artists; Daryle Forney recently participated in a group show and a recent invitational included work by Carolyne Schneider, Margaret Woddcock and Miriam Davis.

The gallery presents invitationals and group shows as well as the traditional two person exhibitions.

The 750 Gallery is participating in the "Second Saturday" reception schedule and will be featuring the work of Sandy Parris and Earl Fox during their next opening. (See schedule for dates and times.)

Add this to your second Saturday gallery hopping. The receptions are lively and the courtyard provides plenty of space for the overflow crowd.

The gallery shares its space with artists' studios as well as its well known neighbor Matrix Gallery at the I Street complex. When visiting these two membership galleries, set aside an extra hour for browsing around the book store located between the two spaces. This shop, (Richard L. Press Fine and Scholarly Books), carries the best selection of art books this side of San Francisco and has a vast array of books sure to please any art enthusiast. Take a day off during this beautiful weather and spend some time discovering Sacramento's best kept secret -- The 750 Gallery and its neighbors are a unique part of Sacramento's growing art community.

The I Street Complex, 1727 I Street

750 Gallery
Work by David Wetzl March 13 through April 4, Mixed Media by Sandy Parris and Photography by Earl Fox April 10-May 2, Artist's Reception "Second Saturday" April 10, 6-9 p.m. Gallery hours are Friday through Sunday 12-4 p.m. and by appointment. For more information: 441-0790

Matrix Gallery and Workshop of Women Artists
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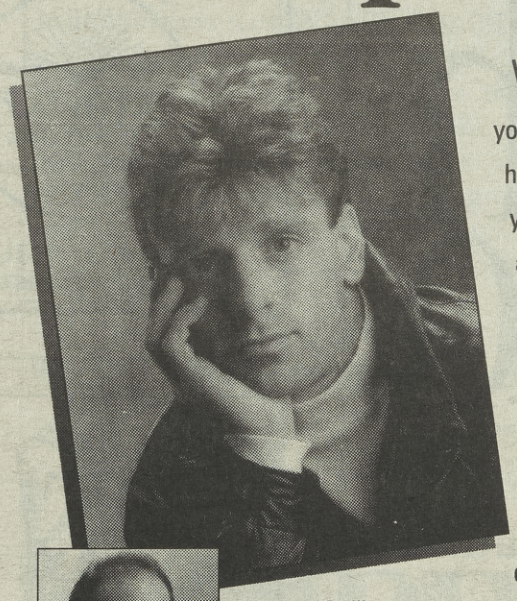

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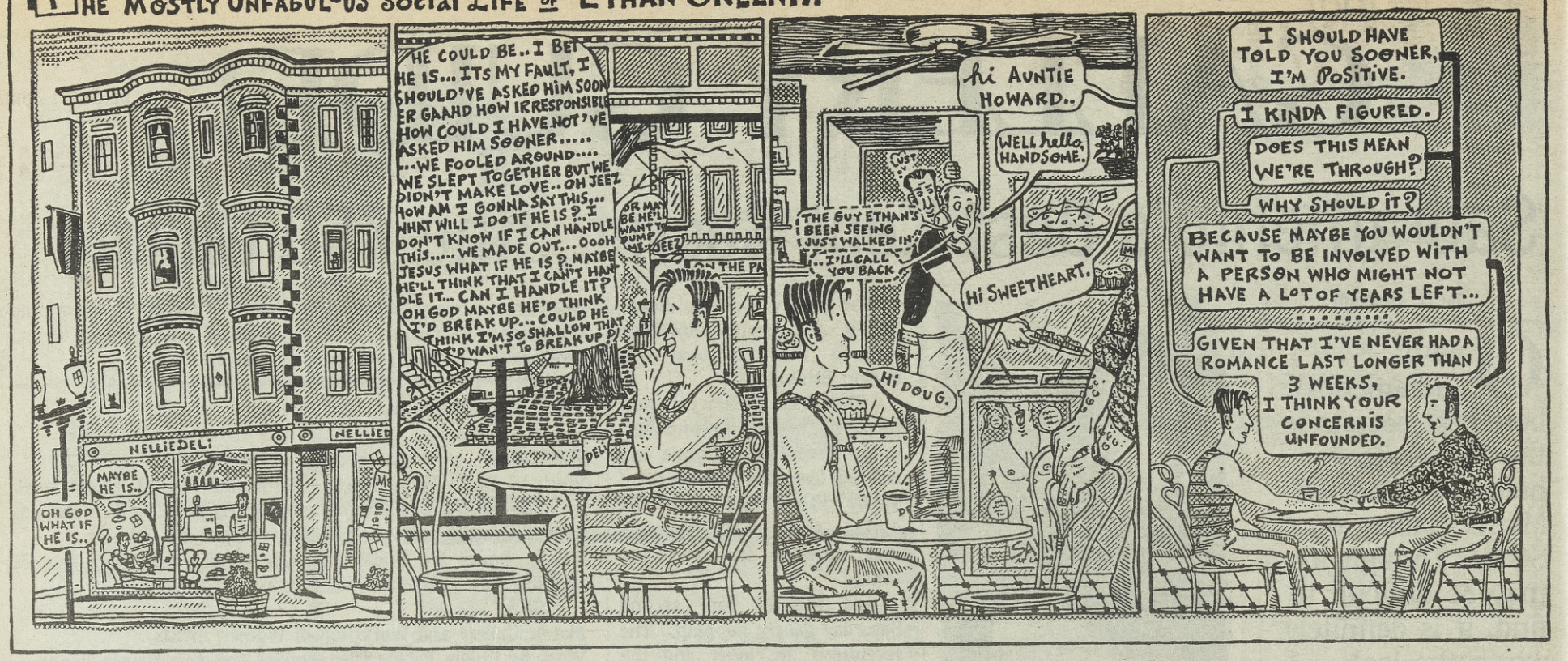
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I'm SORAY. YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M PROJECTING MY OWN HOLLOW PURPOSELESSNESS ONTO EVERYONE ELSE. I NEED TO GET A LIFE.
POPCORN
HUH. YOU'RE LOOKING PRETTY FESTIVE FOR SUCH A LOST SOUL. NEW SHIRT? AND WHAT'S WITH THE EARRINGS?
NOTHING! JEEZ, IS IT SO UNUSUAL FOR ME TO LOOK NICE?
I KNOW WHAT'S WITH THE EARRINGS. MO'S HOT FOR SOMEONE. AREN'T YOU?
WHO?
I AM NOT! SHUT UP!
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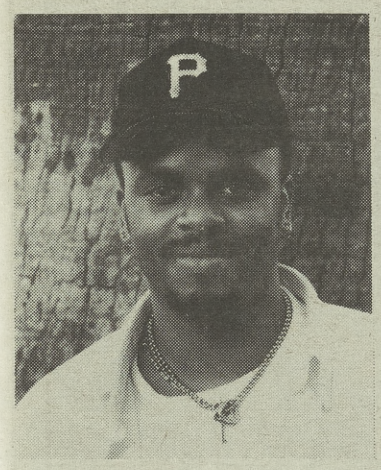
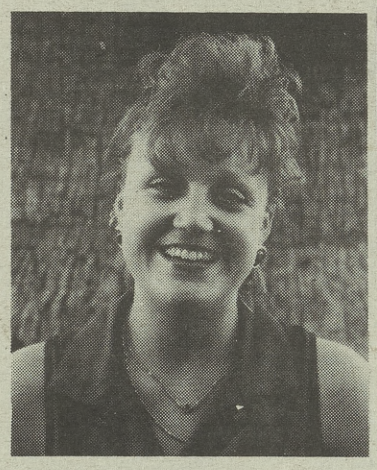


Jeff Benson:
It makes me want to put on my jock strap & run for the beach.



Chris Hyne:
It makes you feel happy... You get out & meet people, people you haven't seen in months.

Don Aleer:
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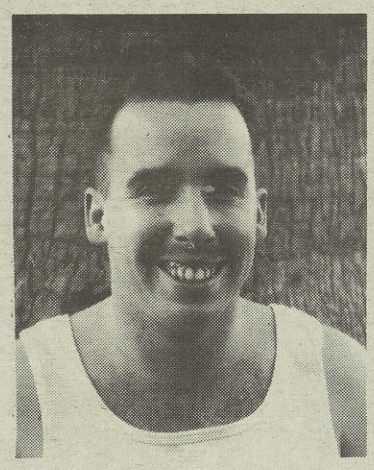
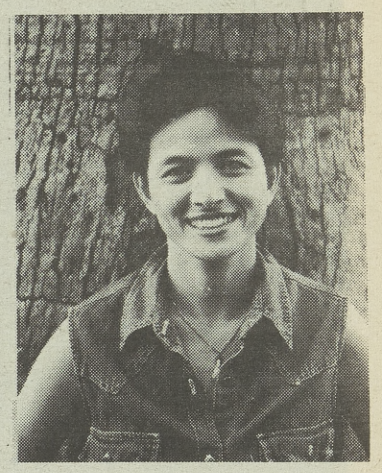


Jon Williams:
Makes me want to lose weight. I'm in the mood to buy clothes for summer... trips to the city.



Yen Nguyen:
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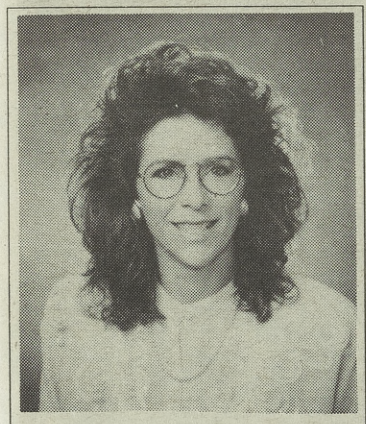

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Spring is in the air, the city is abuzz with gossip, and suddenly things are happening everywhere!

On March 2, those fabulous folks at **CGNIE** presented a check for $1,000 to the **Sacramento AIDS Foundation** Safe Site Children's Program. The money will help provide equipment and supplies for a play therapy program for HIV affected children. What a terrific, caring community we have!

The **AIDS Dance-a-Thon** in San Francisco raised more than one million dollars on March 13 to benefit Bay Area AIDS Charities.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has just announced plans for a Uniform Party to be held March 26 at **Faces** to mobilize support for President Clinton's promise to lift the ban on gays in the military. Admission is only $3, so get out your uniforms and march on down to show your support.

Speaking of marches, April's **March on Washington** is getting close! **Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change** is holding a dance to celebrate the March at the **Tuesday Club's Camellia Room** on April 9. **SLCC** will have a giant banner at the dance that they will be carrying with them to the **March on Washington**. So if you're unable to attend the March in person, sign the SLCC banner and be there in spirit!

Joanna Kassis of SLCC, Anne Rudin and Rosy Metrailer of SACWN at the birthday party.

Sacramento's **Joyce Miller** is one person who won't be at the March on Washington. And she would like to organize all the rest of you who'll be here in town, to march on the capitol in Sacramento. For more information, call Joyce at 736-0426.

Sacramento was represented at another gay pride event by **J.P. Licari**, who skated in the first **Slide for Pride** up in Seattle, Washington. The organizers hope that Seattle will be the host of the **1998 Gay Games** -- the first ever with at summer and winter competition.

In intense competition, **Larry (of Hair by Lar)** led the **Townhouse** team to a first place position in the pool league by beating out **Bobby Jr's** team from the **Wreck Room**. Way to go **Townhouse!**

And along with Spring, come thoughts of love...**Mr. Gay Cowboy, John Mullnar**, lassoed his man **Jeff Vogel** in a marriage ceremony at **Faces** on December 19. **Genie Cowan** and **Mary Smith** tied the knot February 13 at the **Tuesday Club**. **Mark Hoffman** and his long distant man, **Clayton**, have set a date for their wedding, November 13. **Chris R.** is reputedly moving to Lodi to be closer to his **Dairy Queen, Dennis**. And finally, **Bob** has proven his place as **Bill Peterson's** dream man by presenting him with the perfect gift, a Fred Flintstone aquarium. (I swear, I don't make this stuff up!)

Emerging after a long honeymoon, **Joey (of Music by Joey)** is planning a big dance at the Tuesday Club on April 3. The party, billed as **"The Rump Shaker"** is sure to be dancin' good time. Don't miss it!

In recent changes around town, **Shaanon Lindauer**, a long-time participant in **Sacramento's Lavender Angels** has resigned her position with them. **Katie Merrill of RCDC** has relocated to San Francisco to work for **Barbara Boxer**, for whom Katie campaigned long and hard. **Colleen and Lori** have left town for Scottsdale, Arizona to attend college. Seems Sacto's summers weren't hot enough for them.

Brian Ashby

C.G.N.I.E. donates $1000 to the AIDS Foundation Safe Site, and another $500 to Sutter Hospice.

That gorgeous bartender **Shannon**, who had been planning to open a local **Hamburger Mary's**, is ditching Sacramento for points south. Rumor has it that **Richard Boreolo** of **Faces** now holds the rights to the **Hamburger Mary's** name.

Congratulations to **Michael Boyd** of **CompuSystems** who will soon be opening a storefront for his business. Local karate mavens, **Esther and Pat**, are new business owners, as well! They are close to signing a lease on a fabulous new space for their dojo, **Bushido Kai**. Good luck girls...the fun has just begun!

The freelance writing/photography team of **Michael Gorman** and **Brian Ashby** is going national! ***Genre Magazine*** will be publishing an article by **Ashby/Gorman** in its April/May issue. Look for ***Genre*** at **Tower Books**, and remember you read/saw the **Gorman/Ashby** team in the latest ISSUE first!

In another great collaboration, **SACWN** and **SLCC** worked together to throw a "birthday party" to honor former mayor, **Anne Rudin** on January 30. The event was such a success that the two groups have put their heads together again, to plan a dance the weekend of the **Lambda Freedom Fair.**

Faces owner Terry Sidie was named **Prince to the Emperor's Council** at the San Francisco coronation. They're only confirming what we already knew, Terry!

That outrageous **Michelangelo Signorile**, advocate of outing, is having a book published in May. **Random House**, which is publishing **"Queer in America: Sex, the Media, and the Closets of Power,"** is in an uproar over the book. So many of the publisher's employees object to the book, the author, and his tactics that **Random House** is holding an unprecedented rap session with the author for the people who work there. Oh, to be a fly on the wall!

And yes, I admit it, I have saved the best news for last. Have you heard? The drought is over! So next time it rains, and it will, don't you dare say in that sweet little voice, "but we need it!"

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Bracco's Music Touches the Heart and Soul

by **Jim Sechelski**

Sometimes one hears music that is so remarkable, it must be shared. Joe Bracco's new album, "True to Myself," is so good, so remarkable, that everyone should be listening to it.

The album is amazing for several reasons: the music, of course, but also that it ever got produced in the first place, and finally, how it was produced.

First, you should know that Joe Bracco died of AIDS almost two years ago. He had been writing songs and performing since 1980, but it was not until 1987 that he "came out" musically, gaining the attention of the gay press on the East Coast. Before he died, he recorded some of his songs in his living room. He left these to Paul Phillips, of Romanovsky & Phillips, intending for Phillips to produce an album.

The problem for Phillips was that living room recordings are generally not the greatest quality. In addition, the rhythms in many of the songs were, at best, variable. He first had to "map" each song digitally so that other musicians could accompany them in the studio. He then had to construct instrumental and vocal arrangements around the songs.

With all these difficulties, Phillips produced an album that is fun, joyous, outrageous, proud and poignant. He had the good sense to present these wonderful songs without musical clutter or pretense, and they truly sing.

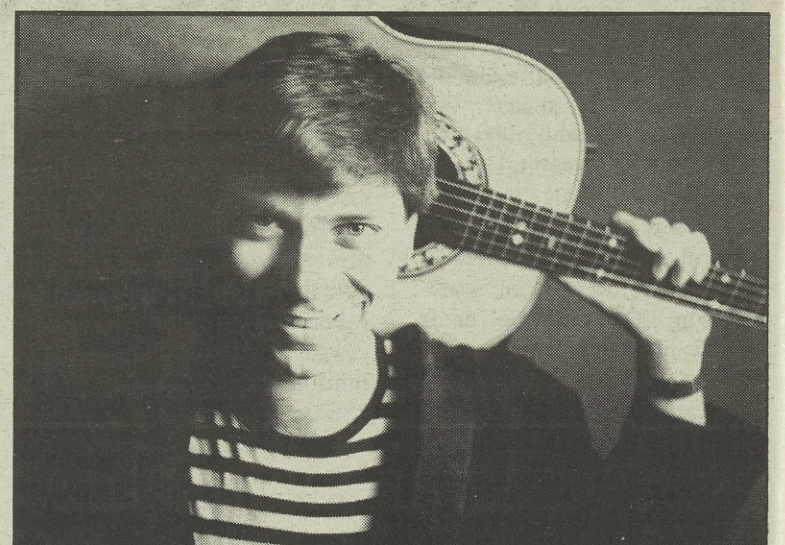
"Friend In My Pocket," which opens the album on a high note, is about always keeping a condom on hand. It makes the latex sheath something to celebrate. He goes on, in "Best Of Friends," to gently tell a friend he'd rather remain friends than become lovers.

In "Drag Doll," Bracco sings about experimenting with cross-dressing with a friend, who discovers he loves it. While the song sails along on East Coast smarts, it suffers, more than any other song on the album, from the rhythm problems mentioned earlier.

Bracco takes a break from smart fun with "Cruiser's Blues," a dark cry for company on the mean streets and in the lonely shadows. The bass line (played by an unnamed musician) accentuates the danger and gives it a rough edge.

"Window Whacker" is one of those songs that would only show up on a gay album. I found it wickedly funny, a song about moving into a new place and discovering your neighbor has a penchant for publicly, well, you can guess it from the title.

"Great Expectations of a Knight" talks about Bracco's search for someone to make him happy forever. It's not the strongest song on the album, but more the kind that would make a fine addition to a stage musical.



Joe Bracco's album is produced by Fresh Fruit Records.

The most touching and poignant song on the album could well be "Coming Out." Bracco's sings this song to someone having trouble coming out. In promising to accept, respect and love the person, he seems to be pleading for the same from himself. The melody is haunting and circular, set to waltz time. It's the song you'll remember after the more clever ones have faded.

If you listen to more than one gay men's chorus, you'll probable notice that every few years one song becomes popular for them all to perform. It's usually something uplifting and noble, often a re-make of a Broadway or Barry Manilow tune. If there's any justice (and taste) out there, "With Our Voices" will be the next song to sweep them all. It recounts the 1987 display of the AIDS Quilt in Washington, D.C. It's as powerful as any song can be, and more real for gays and lesbians than most.

"Home Free At Last" is fitting song to end the album. I first thought it about the songwriter coming to peace with his impending death, but it was written in 1978, so it may instead have to do with his coming out: "Roaming aimlessly with hope/ Freedom on my way afloat/ And don't cry, Mom, I haven't cut the line/ I've only untied my rope." It's a beautiful song.

While this album has its flaws (what album doesn't?), the passion is fiery and catching, and the talent is big and unmistakable. As someone who has been collecting gay music for years (and there's not much of it), it's breathtaking to come across songs that make no compromises, no sacrifices and truly deserve to be heard.

Thanks to the marriage of Joe Bracco's songwriting and Paul Phillips' production, "True To Myself" is personal, intimate and remarkable.

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our HIGHLY SCIENTIFIC findings.

However, among **the men,** 25% wanted romance, 53% wanted a relationship, 15% just wanted someone to date, 11% wanted a fuck buddy, one person wanted a processor, and one person wanted cable t.v. (only if he had a remote control.)

Among **the women,** 50% wanted romance, 50% wanted a relationship, 11% wanted dates, 11% wanted a fuck buddy, and three wanted someone with cable. Yes, those add up to more than 100% Blame the bad, bad respondents.

As far as a **dream date,** 87% of the men and 91% of the women said "dinner and a movie". In a strange coincidence, many of these same people (73% men and 69% women) also said that a dream date would include hot, safe sex. In efforts to combine the two, I suggest learning to cook, or learning to speed dial Domino's phone number. It makes foreplay EVER so much smoother.

What do **women** look for? Especially among respondents who are looking for romance and commitment, they notice women's eyes and smiles. Among casual daters and fuck buddies, rounded edges (butts and breasts) catch the babes' attention.

What do **men** look for? Eyes are also a turn-on, along with butts, butts and more butts, interspersed with "baskets and/or boxes." One man responded that he looked at legs first, and wrote, "give me two pillars to kneel between at the altar of love." Could be the new line of Hallmark Cards...

In the fill-in section, we received some caring as well as really creative responses:

1. I care the most about what kind of:_____ they have; For the **women,** "ethics, friends, personality, values, intelligence, beer they buy," for the **men,** "attitude, values, job, police record, brains, butt, hairy chest, Slim Whitman collection."

2. Best place to meet dates: "church, work, school, through friends, square dancing, Greta's, Valentis gym, Nordstrom's, New Helvetia, Safeway after dark, Co-op produce section, group therapy."

3. On the first date I would like to go: Disneyland, Vienna, Yosemite, Europe, surfing, skydiving, the drive-in, heaven, Tahoe, San Francisco, New York, Harlow's, or a Chelsea Clinton look-alike contest.

4. If someone wanted to go out with me all they would have to do is: ask (dozens of people are just waiting to be asked), seduce me, have money, like kids, have money and accessorize me, be honest, beg, like me as I am, two-step, take a number.

So for all of you single folks there, take heart in our results, because according to our survey, there are different strokes for different folks. And according to half our respondents, to get a date, all you have to do is to ask.

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